

L. Q. Washington in the N. Y. World.]

The action of the Senate, as at present advised, I deem wholly uncertain. The key to it will be found in public opinion. If public opinion shall condemn the attempt to install a usurper in the White House, and the Democratic of the country, North and South, East and West, shall let it appear most distinctly and unequivocally that they will not submit to be cheated out of the election by the three returning boards, the chances are very great that the conspiracy will break down utterly, and even before the decisive moment shall arrive. As it is now, unless some change shall occur, we are drifting on to a dual government—a fraudulent counting in of Hayes by the Senate, and an attempt by him to seize the executive department, accompanied by resistance more or less bloody to the lawful Government of the United States.

In a word, we are shooting Niagara. We are rapidly nearing a point where, in the process of Mexicanization already carried so far by President Grant, a retreat to peaceful constitutional government will be impossible. It is a crisis in which the people should act, and act at once. They have very little time in which to move and to exert their rightful influence over events which concern the destinies of the land for generations to come.

Believing from the first that the key to the whole question lay in the action of the people themselves exerting a rightful influence upon their public servants, I have been somewhat impatient of the attempts from this quarter to tone down and repress public sentiment. Such advice was not hostile to the very principle of free institutions, but it was directly in the interest of the Hayes usurper. Chandler, Don Cameron and Morton want no agitation. It would suit them very well for everybody to go to sleep and wake up in March to find Hayes in possession of the White House.

#### Heaven's Missionary.

Toronto Globe.—A clerical woman sat beside her cake, fruit and selfish stall at a corner of McGill street, in the city of Montreal. A small boy purloined a lobster. Running with it half concealed, he was stopped and taken to the woman. She was asked to have him arrested and punished. "No," she replied, "I will not. The good Lord above knows he is some one's poor boy; I know not who he is. But if the child will promise not to steal again, I'll give him the lobster and two apples besides. What may not a poor boy do if the hunger be on him?" That humble widow presented the boy's home at Montreal annual Christmas gifts of apples, nuts and confections. In 1870 she died. The pen which writes to-day is the pen which wrote the story of her life. Her notebook just consulted bears evidence: "Mrs. D. belonged to the Roman Catholic Church, but her religion was the highest, wisest and dearest of all Catholicity—the religion of charity and mercy. It was written by her by terrible events, and simplified in practice by a soft, womanly refinement."

A writer in the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner thus gossips concerning Mrs. Abraham Lincoln: "You Ab Lincoln" was a favorite expression of hers, shouted out by the asperity usually accompany this sentence, and I think it was greater than a President's fame that he should have so quietly taken the usage it is said she used to administer. It is told that, on the night the statue were to have been as he started out of the house for the telegraph office, she sweetly remarked, "You Ab Lincoln, if you're not in by 10 the doors will be looked." He was not in and sure enough he found the doors barred. Rapping and banging he came to the window. "Who's there?" she shouted. Calling her by name, he asserted her that his long legs carried no ghost or burglar. She wouldn't let him in for love or money, and so those long legs had to carry the future Chief Magistrate to a hotel.

Fatal Result of a Snow-Ball Frolic.  
Meridian Mercury.—Near Ramsey's Station, in Sumter county, Alabama, some negro boys were having a merry time snow-balling. One boy was disengaged to engage in the sport, and kept close in doors. Being sent out by his father on some business, the other boys got after him, and one advanced close upon him with a handful of snow. He drew his knife and motioning with it as if he would cut, kept backing and warned the advancing snowballer off, who, in his ardor, rushed upon his intended victim to crum his handful of snow down his back, and cut punctured in the heart and died instantly. The boy was arrested and was to have a trial on Wednesday at Sumterville.

#### Death of John D. McLaurin.

Brandon Republican.—John D. McLaurin, formerly of Simpson county, but for the past year or more residing with his son-in-law, Hon. J. L. McCaskill, in this place, died very suddenly on Sunday evening the 17th of December. He had been in bad health for some years, but had been out during the day, and was sitting in his chair talking in the evening, when he suddenly fainted away and died without a struggle.

He had resided in Simpson county for many years, where, by his honest and upright dealings he won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him.

#### Governor Tilden Confident of the Democratic Triumph.

Journal of Commerce.—"Since his return from New York, where he with other prominent Democrats, has had recent conferences with Governor Tilden, General Gordon says he feels much encouraged over the Democratic outlook. He says that Tilden is very confident that the Democratic cause will come out of the present crisis triumphant."

#### Senator Griffin Avowed Himself a Democrat.

Natchez Democrat.—Senator H. C. Griffin will not be able to leave Natchez for Jackson, to take his seat in the Senate, for some days, probably not before the 10th inst. He got this time as an avowed Democrat, in full sympathy with the party, and will so take his stand. Mr. Griffin took this position some months ago, and now were zealous than he has been in the work of securing votes for Tilden, Hendricks and Chalmers in the campaign.

Already ice more than a foot thick has been harvested in Massachusetts.

The Governor of Florida has reached at last the Stearns reality.

Murat Halstead contemptuously speaks of "the great dailies" as "the so-called newspapers of New York."

#### Spirit of the Press.

Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.).—The colored people of Kentucky and elsewhere must by this time be realizing the force of Grant's declaration in behalf of the Republican party, to the effect that in the event of the perpetuation of that party in power, every negro cannot write to be deprived of the ballot, and, if possible, be shipped to Honduras, Yucatan or Santo Domingo. The party now discussing this programme is the same which robbed the negroes of several millions of dollars through the agency of that "benevolent institution," the Freedmen's Bank. The colored people have been for some time under the conviction that their Republican "benefactors" are howling hypocrites.

Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.).—It is said that William M. Evans is to make a speech soon, in which he will maintain that Congress cannot go behind the acts of the returning boards. It is much to be regretted that somebody can't go behind the returning boards themselves long enough to kick them within an inch of their wretched lives.

#### Boston Post (Dem.).

If Ben Hill or the public can stand such nauseous doses as some of the Republicans have administered in the shape of flattery, they are to be pitied. Who would have believed a year ago that a native Southerner would so soon be courted even to help out a sinking cause?

#### Springfield Republican (Ind.).

Grant is still accumulating troops at Washington for the inauguration of Gov. Hayes by force, if necessary.

Illinois.—The Senate this morning elected Plumb, Democrat, as presiding officer, and the House elected Shaw Speaker. Canvass for Senatorship is proceeding in an animated manner.

#### A Constitutional Amendment Needed.

McCombs City Intelligencer.—We trust that the Legislature will not fail to submit an amendment to the Constitution, restoring the old feature of that instrument, the right of each county to have at least one representative. It was abolished by the Republican leaders when they controlled the state government, in order to diminish the influence of the white and Democratic counties in the law making department of the State government, and to aid them in perpetuating their rule, in violation of the principle that every county should have a representative to look to and protect its special interests in the Legislature. The reasons for the passage of such an amendment are obvious; that no argument is needed to support it.

#### A Manly Protest Against Federal Interference with State Governments.

Extract from the message of Gov. Porter of Tennessee.

The representatives of the people of Tennessee cannot disregard the recent action of the Federal authorities in certain States of the South—notably in Florida, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Virginia; in three of them towns and districts have been garrisoned with troops of the United States at times of profound peace, without any proper demand being made for assistance by the local authorities, and the State house of South Carolina was subjected to an armed occupation by Federal troops. The army was made the arbiter of a disputed election, and has been prostituted to the base purpose of organizing a partisan Legislature. The order of a substitution, excluding the representatives of the people from the State Capitol, was made impudently and without shame, in the interest of judicially declared fraud, and against the judgment of the law as rendered in its highest court. The representatives of the people of Tennessee should protest against these accumulated outrages with the utmost solemnity and energy.

The grand Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans this year will be on the 13th of February.

#### LEGAL NOTICES.

##### Chancery Notice.

In the Chancery Court for the First District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi.

Sarah Sharkey, vs. John J. Simmons et al. On a bill filed in this court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William T. Withers and Martha S. Withers, wife, are not residents of the State of Mississippi, but reside beyond the limits thereof, the Court has ordered that the said bill be taken for proof, and that the ordinary process of this Court cannot be executed against them, it is therefore ordered by the Court, that said Wm. T. Withers and Martha S. Withers, do enter their appearance in this cause, on or before the 1st day of March, A. D. 1877, the same being a regular Term of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and plead, answer or demur to defendant's Cross Bill, or the allegations thereof will be taken for confessed as to them. It is further ordered that the order be taken for proof, and that the ordinary process of this Court cannot be executed against them, it is therefore ordered by the Court, that said Wm. T. 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